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ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES OF SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENTS INDUSTRIES, LLC, EAST GREENWICH DIVISION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor has determined that all workers of Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC, East Greenwich Division, including on-site leased workers of Kelly Services are now eligible to apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance. The workers at Semiconductor Components produce semiconductor wafer chips.

An investigation was initiated on September 27, 2005 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers of Semiconductor Components. The investigation revealed that sales, production, and employment declined from January through September, 2005 over the corresponding 2004 period. The investigation also revealed that the company increased imports of semiconductor wafer chips from January through September, 2005 over the corresponding 2004 period.

In conclusion, Linda G. Poole, certifying officer in the Labor Department's Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, determined "that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with semiconductor wafer chips produced by Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC, East Greenwich Division, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or production at that firm or subdivision."

As a result, all workers of Semiconductor Components, including on-site leased workers of Kelly Services, "who became totally or partially separated from employment after October 31, 2005 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

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